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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly ranged steady to barely steady. Retail demand was seasonally slow to moderate, best for active ads and holiday meat items. Food service was fair to moderate with best movement for fast food and into sports bars. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to ample; floor stocks were balanced to fully sufficient. In the parts structure, movement was usually fair to moderate. Breast items were better balanced to closely cleared for boneless skinless, and wings were mixed but available. Dark meat was adequate to ample and discounted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 14-NOV-2005 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	57.00-60.00	45.00-73.50	59.66	28
New York	60.00-63.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	48.00-75.00	72.16	88

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
976	69.21-74.00	72.86
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	153.50	1,301
BREASTS - B/S	126.50	6,133
BREASTS - WHOLE	69.50	1,368
THIGH MEAT - B/S	112.50	984
LEG QUARTERS	39.00	7,754
WINGS	81.50	2,976

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's trade into the Chicago area were unchanged. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Light offerings received very limited trade interest. Retail was slow to moderate, best for active features and holiday items. Food service demand was mixed, mostly light to fairly good, best into sports bars and fast food. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate; weights desirable. A few distributors continued to be slighted on orders of regular wings. Parts trade remained light and limited to immediate needs. Supplies of regular wings varied, breast items adequate and in better balance from previous trade period with dark meat items ample. The market tone was steady on regular wings, whole and boneless/skinless breasts; and barely steady to weak on the balance.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was seasonally light to fair with trading usually limited to most immediate needs, and interest geared more towards holiday meat items. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Breast items were sufficient to closer balanced, wings were readily available, and dark meat was adequate to ample and discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged for next week. Trade sentiments were mixed but overall barely steady. Offerings were fully adequate overall with lightweights in the closest position. Retailer demand was generally fair, best for parts. Trade sentiments were steady on white meat and about steady on dark meat items. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light to fair at best approaching the weekend as dealers look to more traditional items for the upcoming holiday. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were on good balance and clearing satisfactorily; bone-in breasts were fully sufficient. Leg items were at least adequate to available and slow to clear. Wings were at least adequate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds slowed and was generally noted as light and unaggressive as buyer interest turned to increasing receipts of turkeys and other items more typical of the upcoming holiday. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample for both immediate and early week needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Boneless/skinless breasts were generally noted as clearing satisfactorily. Other items ranged fully adequate to readily available.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	53-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	770	90.00-155.00	95-99	104.81	2,957	102.75
TENDERLOINS	273	85.00-168.00	92-95	94.06	889	93.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	136	62.00-74.00	70-73	70.24	464	70.50
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				274	49.09
LEGS	121	34.00-68.00	39-41	38.20	460	39.44
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	23.00-35.00	27-28	27.46	2,620	27.76
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	810	26.00-38.00	29-30	29.10	3,425	29.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	70.00-83.00	73-79	78.13	1,196	77.83
WINGS (CUT)	365	90.00-96.00	93-95	93.78	1,183	94.24
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				270	38.36
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				312	31.54
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				494	106.49

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2005— F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.50 - 44.00	39.61	38.40

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate approaching the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts were adequate to closely cleared; bone-in breast were at least sufficient for current needs. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to available. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was at least steady on boneless skinless breasts; about steady to weak for most dark meat cuts. The balance of items were mostly steady.

PRICES PAID PER LB, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BRO/FRY PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	103.38	709,580	105-110	104.47	390,120	103.22	3,223,029
TENDERLOINS	100	103.43	137,720	100	97.86	80,420	105.23	799,230
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	70.71	68,840	61-62	70.20	79,200	70.88	379,116
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	61.63	72,000	61	63.00	5,040	62.38	320,040
LEGS	46-47	48.39	280,700	46-47	50.44	78,520	48.82	1,055,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	30.37	244,800	28-29	28.14	368,713	30.16	1,783,000
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	39.86	154,360	35-36	43.23	110,960	40.96	677,100
THIGHS	37-38	46.88	52,840	37-38	49.54	40,200	49.57	272,680
B/S THIGHS	98-99	103.83	90,320	98-99	97.51	56,360	103.47	451,230
WINGS (WHOLE)	78-79	80.60	287,180	78-79	82.78	152,400	79.57	1,276,856
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.99	29,320	10-12	11.06	20,200	11.35	113,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	49.54	14,611	50-55	52.36	10,160	50.20	78,330
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.47	19,240	70-75	75.03	28,160	72.97	106,780

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WT	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	11/11 11/10	11/09 11/08	11/09 11/08	11/04 11/02	
Alabama	4,289 4,053	3,971 4,011	5.38 5.42	4,471 5.42	
Arkansas	5,552 5,364	5,399 5,271	5.32 5.42	5,779 5.31	
Delmarva	2,241 2,308	2,299 2,279	5.76 5.75	2,255 5.75	
KY-LA-TN	1,971 2,241	2,147 2,255	5.02 5.09	2,242 4.80	
Mississippi	2,933 2,895	2,556 2,753	5.36 5.65	3,233 5.52	
North Carolina	2,740 2,546	2,558 2,500	6.71 6.81	3,079 6.78	
Texas	2,564 2,544	2,591 2,590	5.17 5.27	2,525 5.34	
Total	22,290 21,605	21,521 21,876	5.50 5.59	23,584 5.53	
Mon-Fri	110,234(A)			110,016(A)	
Saturday	879(included in total for date shown)			1,883	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11-Nov-05 and 12-Nov-05 is estimated to be 33,348,000 head down 5.77 percent from a week ago and down -0.76 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 35,390,000, last year 33,605,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 12-Nov-05 is estimated to be 163,167,000 head up 0.73 percent from a week ago, and up 0.74 percent from a year ago. (Last week 161,982,000, last year 161,965,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 95-107
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100-112
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 90-105
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-188

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 29-Oct-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	26,774	15,526	59,726
Avg Weight	3.79	4.63	6.47
% of total /1	26%	15%	59%

#### Comparisons

Last week	26,213	15,436	60,512
Avg Weight	3.74	4.62	6.38
% of total /1	26%	15%	59%

Same week, yr ago /2	27,455	25,607	50,906
Avg Weight	3.61	4.88	6.48
% of total /1	26%	25%	49%

To date/2005	1,165,681	936,800	2,165,767
To date/2004	1,118,598	923,042	1,980,233

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 05-Nov-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	161,982	1,233	1,470	2,703	564
Avg Wt	5.47	3.28	9.60	6.72	6.29
Last week	164,585	1,402	1,485	2,887	511
Same wk yr ago	159,561	1,499	1,391	2,890	537
Avg Wt	5.32	3.43	8.18	5.72	6.43
To-date/2005	7,104,783	63,539	62,565	126,104	21,949
To-date/2004	6,912,406	60,273	59,935	120,208	20,641

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.9 million head, or 2.3 million more than estimated available.

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
October	1 164.7	165.1	100%	5.35
	8 168.6	164.3	103%	5.42
	15 166.7	161.8	103%	5.50
	22 165.8	160.7	103%	5.44
	29 166.6	162.2	103%	5.49
November	5 163.9	161.6	101%	5.47
Year to date	7190.9	7238.1	99%	
November	12	160.3		
	19	158.0		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

##### Under Federal Inspection

W/E	11/12/05	11/05/05	% CHG	11/13/04	% CHG
Broilers	163,167	161,982*	+0.73	161,965*	+0.74
Cattle	592	636	-07	603*	-02
Hogs	2,084	2,143	-03	2,019*	+03

\*ACTUAL

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 07-NOV-2005

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	149-153	154-158
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-140	133-141
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	62.00-72.50	68.00-71.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.00-87.00	72.00-77.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS.** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to balanced. Weights were in the desirable range. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 07-NOV-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 11-08-05**

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40 - 1.60
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.20 - 1.25
Pekin Ducks	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .50
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.50 - .70
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 - .75
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.55 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.55 - .70
Guinea Fowl	1.40 - 1.50ea.
Banty Roosters	1.00 - 1.25ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - 1.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.25 - .30ea.
Silkie	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.65 - .70
Pigeons	2.85 - 3.25ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.25ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.05 - 1.15
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.90 - 1.00
Bunnies	.75 - 2.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.07 - .50ea.
Doves	3.00 - 3.25ea.

Total Coops Sold 432

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; mostly unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair for light canners; mostly fair to moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-31 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good for the mostly adequate to about adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-9

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Negotiations were TFEWR. Demand was light for adequate supplies of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Costs were expected to remain constant.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to short of full needs for next week. Demand was moderate to instances good. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	.5-11	6-9

**WEST COAST LIGHT** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings about adequate.

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-NOV-05

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Negotiations were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were good. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was generally fair at best for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

#### **NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2005.

##### **CAPONS:**

Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons were generally adequate for current needs. Bookings for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday were noted as satisfactory. Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS. 1.60-1.80 MOSTLY 1.60-1.65

##### **GEESE:**

Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were generally adequate for current trade needs. Processors were working full schedules and bookings were about as expected. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS. 2.30-2.40 MOSTLY 2.30-2.35

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